Peterson welcomes vice president to Colorado Springs



Photo by Senior Airman Shane Sharp

The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds rest on the Peterson Air Force Base flightline, awaiting an upcoming perfomance. The Thunderbirds performed Wednesday at the Air Force Academy class of 2001 graduation ceremonies.

Vice President Dick Cheney arrived at Peterson Air Force Base Wednesday morning before giving the keynote address to the U.S. Air Force Academy graduating class of 2001.

The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds were also on-base this week and performed at the graduation.

Cheney arrived with his wife, Lynn, and several other family members. At the academy graduation, he spoke to the 847 graduating cadets, the third smallest class in the last 20 years.

Cheney told the cadets that he and President Bush will provide them with the means to carry out their missions.

"You can count on our sunport," said Cheney. "Your country has prepared you. Your country is counting on you. Your country is proud of you."

Cheney, who served as a congressman from 1978-89 and (Courtesy Early Bird News Service)

then as secretary of defense from 1989-93, told the cadets about the negative effects of neglecting the military he has seen during his career and assured them that support is what he and the president have in mind.

"President Bush and I understand the decisions we make today reach far into the future," said

After Cheney's address and the awarding of diplomas, the Thunderbirds roared over the stadium to the cheers of the crowd.

The Thunderbirds had been Colorado Springs since Memorial Day, participating in a variety of activities including meeting with media and a practice for the graduation performance.

They also gave the oath of enlistment to new recruits as well as some Air Force members who re-enlisted Wednesday afternoon at Chapel Hills Mall.



Gen. Ed Eberhart, Air Force Space Command commander, welcomes Vice President Dick Cheney, his wife Lynn, and grandaughter. The vice president arrived at Peterson Air Force Base Wednesday morning, here to speak during the Air Force Academy graduation.

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Secretary of the Air Force visits Peterson

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. Lawrence J. Delaney chats with Brig. Gen. Bob Kehler, 21st Space Wing Commander, on the Peterson Air Force Base flightline shortly after Delaney's arrival Wednesday. Delaney was welcomed to Peterson by Kehler as well as Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Estrem, Air Force Space Command command chief master sergeant, and his wife Debbie Estrem. Delaney visited Colorado Springs to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy graduation.



Action line



Brig. Gen. Bob Kehler

The Action Line (556-7777 or by fax: 556-7848) is your direct link to me. It provides an avenue for you to voice concerns over unsolved problems, share good ideas or provide some constructive criticism.

As a reminder, the Action Line is not a replacement for using your chain of command. Action Lines can help make the Peterson Complex and the wing a better place to live and

Community thanks Peterson Complex for support

Outstanding support of 19th Colorado Jazz Party

As the sponsor of the 19th Colorado Jazz Party hosted by the enlisted club at Peterson Air Force Base April 27, 28 and 29, I am very pleased and proud to report that the support provided by the 21st Security Forces Squadron visitor center and the enlisted club staff was outstanding. Each day more than 200 guests enjoyed the services and accomodations provided by Peterson AFB. I personally received many favorable comments regarding the courtesies and professional conduct extended by both the security forces personnel at the gate and the staff at the enlisted club.

I would like to particularly single out Airman 1st Class Brenden Helseth at the visitor center and Lynn McCuiston at the enlisted club for their outstanding support in helping me and members of the Broadmoor Jazz Club plan and execute this threeday event. They typified the outstanding support we received from both security forces and enlisted club staff.

I believe that it is worth mentioning that the Broadmoor Jazz Club has hosted this event for the last 19 years at the Broadmoor Hotel and the Garden of the Gods Country Club, both facilities known for their outstanding service. Many of our guests traveled great distances to attend this party. Thus your people should take particular pride in the fact that some of our guests described the enlisted club as the best venue they have seen for the Colorado Jazz

Please extend my thanks and appreciation to all of the Peterson AFB staff who helped make this 19th Colorado Jazz Party a great success.

Sincerely,

Gerald E. Simonson Colonel, U.S. Air Force, (retired)



Peterson Air Force Base members gather for a photo during the 2001 March of Dimes WalkAmerica. Several members from the Peterson Complex participated in the Colorado Springs walk that helped raise \$213,000 to continue the fight to save babies' lives.

Kudos to Peterson Complex 2001 WalkAmerica participants

The March of Dimes wishes to thank the great personnel at Peterson Air Force Base and Chevenne Mountain Air Force Station for their terrific support of our 2001 WalkAmerica. Every year, their response to our mission of saving babies increases and we cannot tell you what a great group of people they are to work with.

We especially want to commend Senior Airman Saulo Barros of the Peterson AFB NCO Academy. He was instrumental in obtaining 41 volunteers from the NCO Academy to serve as route marshals for the walk. The volunteers from the academy did a terrific

job and we can't thank Saulo enough for his help. We also wish to thank all of the teams from Peterson AFB who raised a total of \$5,698, and the teams from Chevenne Mountain who raised \$170.

Colorado Springs WalkAmerica raised \$213,000 to continue the fight to save babies' lives. It is the hard work and dedication of volunteers like those from the Air Force that enables the March of Dimes to continue its important mission. We look forward to having even more teams from Peterson Complex participate in WalkAmerica 2002.

Sincerely,

Lisa Marquette, division director Cindy Silvius, WalkAmerica 2001 chair News SPACE OBSERVER 3



Remembering our nation's heros

Lt. Gen. Roger DeKok, Air Force Space Command vice commander, speaks to veterans, military retirees and members of the community Monday during the Pikes Peak Veterans Council Memorial Day Ceremony in Memorial Park.

Photo by Eugene Chavez

Quality-of-life conference opens doors to new ideas

By Master Sgt. Austin Carter AFSPC Public Affairs

Forty-two members from Air Force Space Command wings nationwide gathered here May 15-17 for the command's fifth annual quality-of-life conference.

The conference members, made up of a cross-section of the Air Force population - airmen, officers, noncommissioned officers, civilian, Reserve, Guard and dependent spouses - identified 62 separate issues ranging from pay tables to operations tempo.

"This gives our people from the field a chance to express concerns to senior leadership," said Lt. Col. Scott Burrows, AFSPC chief of the personnel issues division. "At the same time, it also shows our people that senior leadership is firmly committed to improving quality of life throughout the command

AFSPC is one of the few major commands in the Air Force that holds an annual quality-of-life conference.

Lt. Gen. Roger DeKok, vice commander of AFSPC, welcomed the attendees at the opening session and urged them all to "think outside of the box" with no limits

"We want your experience, your expertise," the general said. "This conference and what you do here is taken very seriously. We're going to 'get out' exactly what you 'put in' this conference. So tell us what you're thinking."

The conference attendees apparently took that advice to heart because after three days of meetings their suggestions touched on subjects as varied as the members of the group.

The group recommended closing the wide pay gap between enlisted and officers by completely revising the pay tables to more accurately reflect the level of responsibility levied on today's NCOs.

"We have an airman doing what a junior officer was doing five years ago," said one NCO from Schriever AFB, Colo., at the outbrief. "Yet we have a captain with four years of experience making more than a senior master sergeant with 24 years."

Among the other recommenda-

- giving installation commanders the power to increase basic allowance for housing when utility costs skyrocket without having to wait a year after an annual survey.

- increasing dental coverage to 100 percent in the TRICARE system;

- lowering the operations tempo for Air Force firefighters, power production and explosive ordnance disposal members who often find themselves deployed once a year away from their families;

giving a dislocation allowance to new members coming to their first bases.

providing 100-percent tuition assistance for staff sergeants and above as a retention incentive;

- increasing accessibility and hours of the child development center;

- authorizing two weeks paternity leave for new fathers.

An interesting concern discussed at length by the group, Burrows said, was the topic of civilian contractors, often working side-by-side with Air Force members, actively recruiting them to work in the private sector. Their recommendation was for the command's senior leadership to prohibit this practice from occurring in the workplace.

The scope of the group's recommendations, without regard to financial limitations, may seem like a practice in futility to someone overhearing these sweeping changes, but this was manna to the ears of senior leadership.

"We care about the issues; we care about you," said Col. Debby Baker, AFSPC Director of Personnel. "We will keep going and going until we get what we need. We're paying attention."

"Sometimes people shy away from subjects like ops tempo and pay," said Chief Master Sgt. Terry Cook of F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo. "They think that it's way beyond them. But it's not. Senior leadership has to understand that these are important issues for everyone. We're giving the headquarters more emphasis to work on those issues. Sometimes these headquarters people feel they're banging their heads up against a wall. They have to hear that folks still care about those issues so they can continue to pursue them. The bottom line is to make life better for the folks in the field. And that impacts retention for the total

If nothing else, some participants saw a more-attentive face of the Air Force. "I saw senior leadership working on our problems," said Airman 1st Class Javier Solis from Minot AFB, N.D. "I think that if it takes a village to raise a child, it takes an Air Force to raise an air-

Certainly, many of the concerns of the group were not new. In fact, many were old issues from past quality-of-life conferences, cropping up again from new sources.

But Burrows doesn't feel any frustration about that. He's been running the conference for the last four years and has seen how ideas continually presented to leadership have a way of eventually bearing fruit.

"One of our previous issues was to provide Department of Defense civilians in the command with tuition assistance. We kept proposing it over and over and this last year the command approved \$200,000 for civilian tuition assistance," he said. "So long as we keep putting the issues on the burner and keep the spotlight on them, things will change. We're all realistic enough to know that things don't happen overnight."

If senior leadership is listening to the people in the field, Burrows added, it goes both ways - the people in the field have to know that their concerns are being heard.

"I charge you to go back to your bases to spread the word," he told the final session of the conference. "Tell them senior leadership is committed to quality-of-life programs. But what we've done here won't have much effect if you don't go back and tell the real story to your people.'

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Col. Thomas Shearer, 21st Operations Group commander, passes the guidon to Lt. Col. Samuel McCraw who assumed command of the 76th Space Control Squadron during a change of command ceremony May 22.

76th SPCS holds first change of command

By Master Sgt. David Brown

76th Space Control Squadron

Lt. Col. Samuel McCraw assumed command of the 76th Space Control Squadron from Lt. Col. David Ziegler during the squadron's first change of command ceremony May 22 at Hangar 104.

The 76th SPCS was activated Jan. 22 with the mission of exploring space control technologies and emerging operational concepts.

McCraw began his career as an aircraft structures engineer. After graduating from the School of Advanced Air Power Studies where he helped develop the Air Force Space Command Strategic Master plan, he moved on to be a part of the Commander's Action Group

McCraw has served as an operations officer with the 76th since May 2000.

Ziegler commanded the 76th Space Operations Squadron through it's deactivation and retained command of the 76th SPCS since

2001 Savings Bond Campaign kicks off

By 2nd Lt. Leisa A. Szybist 21st SW/XPL

Today marks the beginning of the 2001 U.S. Savings Bonds Payroll Savings Plan Campaign. The payroll savings plan offers a powerful, effective way to save for the future. For as little as \$5 per month, you can invest in bonds, which can be used for such major expenditures as a house or college education.

This annual four-week campaign offers an opportunity for new investors to learn about bonds, and a chance for those already participating to review their financial plans.

What are some advantages of owning savings bonds? Safety, simplicity, taxes, education and liquidity are some of the reasons why you might invest in savings bonds

Savings bonds are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, so your money is guaranteed to grow. And, the money you invest isn't locked away for years. After an initial six-month holding period, investors have access to their money.

Bonds offer a degree of security, too, because if they're lost, stolen or destroyed, they can be replaced. Other advantages include tax exemptions and education financing. Interest earned on EE bonds is exempt from state and local income taxes, and federal income tax can be deferred until bonds are redeemed or after 30 years (when they stop earning interest). Young families can use bonds to help with future education expenses, and lower and middle-income investors may be eligible for special tax benefits.

During the next four weeks, campaign representatives will provide you with forms and information to help you start saving.





7th Space Warning Squadron providing missile warning on the west coast

Appearing alone and solitary, the pyramidshaped building of the 7th Space Warning Squadron sits atop the rolling foothills of the Sierra-Nevada Mountains overlooking Beale AFB and north central California. The 7th SWS is a tenant unit on Beale AFB, which is the home of the 9th Reconnaissance Wing.

Like the U-2 reconnaissance aircraft assigned to Beale, the people of the 7th SWS accomplish their daily mission by peering out over the Pacific and into the shallow portions of space. The vantage point atop the foothills is ideal for conducting the missions assigned to the squadron.

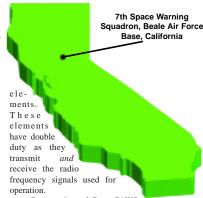
The primary mission of the PAVE PAWS radar, is that of detecting sea-launched ballistic missiles fired from submarines in the Pacific Ocean. The system is also capable of detecting intercontinental missiles shot toward the North American continent.

After initial missile event indications are received, crew members have 60 seconds to determine if it is valid or due to computer, mechanical or personnel error. A thorough, yet timely, assessment of various indicators is made by all crewmembers to complete this task as quickly as possible. The final assessment information is passed on to the Missile Warning Center in Cheyenne Mountain.

The secondary mission consists of tracking lowearth orbiting objects. This orbital data is utilized by other sites that make up the Space Surveillance Network. This information aids in maintaining a catalog of the more than 9,500 objects currently in orbit.

Pave PAWS is the system designation given to the weapon system used by the personnel of the 7th SWS. Although "Pave" has no official meaning, "PAWS" is an acronym for Phased Array Warning System. The radar is in a building with a triangular

base and two faces that provide a total of 240 degrees in coverage out to a range of nearly 3,000 nautical miles. The phased array technology can change its focus in mere milliseconds in comparison mechanical radars, which take several seconds to produce each sweep. Each array face contains 1,792 active antenna



Construction of Pave PAWS at Beale began in 1977 and finished in 1979. The system finished testing and became fully operational in August of 1980. Originally designated as the 7th Missile Warning Squadron, the squadron was renamed 7th Space Warning Squadron in 1992 when the 21st Space Wing was activated at Peterson AFB.

A crew is on duty around the clock in the squadron's Missile Warning Operations Center. A typical crew is made up of three personnel: a crew commander, a crew chief and a space systems console operator. In addition to the crew, there are always maintenance personnel working on site. Air Force contractors perform system maintenance and repair. They ensure continued system operations through planned and no-notice maintenance.



The agony of ecstasy

By Claudie V. Cleveland

Drug Demand Reduction Program manager

Much has been made of the drug methylenedioxymethamphetamine or MDMA, also known by its street name "ecstasy." It is one of those also referred to as a date-rape drug.

In 1998, customs officials seized 750,000 ecstasy pills. By mid-2000, they had seized 5.4 million hits of the drug, according to an article in *Time* (June 5, 2000).

In the 90s, ecstasy gained popularity as the drug of choice at "raves" or "trances," which are all-night dance parties attended primarily by teenagers.

Lately, ecstasy use has increased outside those parties. The *Time* article featured interviews with adults who regularly use the drug and high school and college students who say the drug is readily available on their campuses. Eight percent of high school seniors say they tried "e" at least once last year, which is up from 1997 when 5.8 percent of high school seniors reported using the drug at least once.

What is ecstasy? - Ecstasy is most commonly sold in pill form, but is also inhaled in powder form. A pharmaceutical company first manufactured it in 1914, and it has been used by medical professionals to relieve cancer patients' pain, and by psychotherapists to help patients more comfortably discuss traumatic experiences. Once legal and sold in bars, ecstasy was outlawed in the mid-80s when research showed that it interfered with normal brain functions, and people had begun to manufacture it in home labs. As is the case with marijuana, there are groups that support limited use of ecstasy for the physically or mentally ill.

Ecstasy's effects - The federal government classifies ecstasy as a hallucinogenic (which is also the classification for LSD). Its popularity could be attributed to the belief that it has few negative consequences. Users have reported feeling peaceful, empathetic and energetic - but not edgy - according to the *Time* article.

Research indicates that ecstasy impairs memory, and causes attention deficit and depression. Long-term use often leads to mental confusion, anxiety and panic reactions. Some ecstasy users encounter problems severe enough to send them to the emergency room. The most common reason for admission, according to the Drug Abuse Warning Network, is that the body overheats to a danger point, causing fainting and internal organ distress. Some users have died from overheating.

The best defense is information - The Vandenberg Air Force Base life skills office has produced an informative video on ecstasy use. For more information, contact the Drug Demand Reduction Program office at 556-9147.

AF moves to integrate environment, safety, health management

WASHINGTON — The Air Force is implementing an orderly environment, safety and occupational health management system that will ultimately provide safer, healthier and more productive work conditions while reducing potential risks to the environment.

"The Air Force ESOHMS is a management structure designed to ensure consistent execution of environmental, safety and health policy across the entire Air Force to reduce mission risks and improve performance," said Lt. Col. John Coho, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health, deputy for pollution prevention.

"The key to making the policy effective in achieving these improvements is leveraging the skills and training of each member of the Air Force to responsibly manage the ESOH risks inherent in their daily mission activities," he said

The ESOHMS is patterned after international standard ISO 14001, Environmental Management Systems — Specification with Guidance for Use. ISO 14001 is the only internationally recognized EMS standard.

The goal is to have the new management system in place throughout the service by Dec. 31, 2005.

Through its ESOHMS initiative, the Air Force plans to do more than just comply with Executive Order 13148, "Greening the Government Through Leadership in Environmental Management," Coho said.

The Air Force is taking the executive order's mandate one step further. It will apply quality-based management to address not only environmental issues, as required by the executive order, but safety and occupational health issues, as well.

An Air Force audit conducted last year recommended adoption of a quality-based, versus compliance-based, management system, Coho said.

"With the new policy, the Air Force will evolve its current compliance-based management system into a quality-based management system to handle the environmental, safety and occupational health requirements inherent to our core mission." he said

Currently, the three programs are managed separately.

"Right now, with the compliance-based management system, we understand what the

compliance requirements are and we work to achieve them," Coho said.

However, Coho said, "The problem with such an approach is that compliance, rather than mission performance, becomes the management focus. Once the compliance requirements are met, there's no clear system to drive further improvement in mission performance through ESOH risk reduction."

"We already have the compliance-based programs in place and they are working very well," Coho said. "We're successful in achieving and meeting compliance requirements. We've gone from 245 open enforcement actions in the early '90s down to fewer than 10 today."

The new ESOH management system will bring a more structured and mission-oriented approach to reducing ESOH risks and costs. Ultimately, individual work centers will identify, evaluate, and control or eliminate activities that entail ESOH risks or costs that are not essential to a successful mission outcome.

"We recognize that some ESOH risks and costs are unavoidable. However, we need to identify those that are realistically and cost-effectively avoidable, and we need to identify and take action to control or eliminate them in the interest of mission enhancement," Coho cold

He said the ESOH management system should not create more work, but is a new approach to ESOH management. It will integrate existing ESOH management programs and processes under an overarching management umbrella.

"We're not building new programs or processes," he said. "What we need to do is link existing processes together with an effective management system that will drive mission improvement in the workplace.

"The key is that, instead of focusing on compliance as an end point, we want to focus on eliminating the risks that create the need to comply. We need to evaluate our mission activities and make them more efficient by eliminating the inherent risks to the extent possible and cost-effective," he said.

Under this new management system, ownership and accountability for ESOH management will reside in the organizations that operate and control the processes that generate ESOH risks.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

21st CONS: meeting Peterson's cellular needs

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By Kim Diercks

21st Contracting Squadron

Cellular, digital, zero-access, coverage area, activation, roaming, code division multiple access, peak/off-peak...

The world of wireless telephone service has a language all its own and, to the uninitiated buyer, the language can be confusing to the point of overwhelming. Good news. The 21st Contracting Squadron is here to help. But first, here's a little history.

Until recently, Department of Defense agencies were contracting with local wireless-service providers across the nation and around the globe. Each DoD location had contracted with one or two carriers available in their immediate community. In addition, the government purchase card enabled many offices in each agency to sign with different carriers independent of each other.

But, while various carriers may have been providing users with adequate service, DoD was not leveraging its buying power or using its ability to manage wireless communications at a level beyond the immediate user. To further complicate matters, wireless communications had become a necessity. Many agencies encountered situations that resulted in a high demand for rapid, short-notice, global communications. This need began to affect DoD operations and missions in a critical way.

Leaders at the 21st CONS recognized the need and came up with a tool to meet it. CONS developed a business solution that will take advantage of volume discounts and provide customers with information necessary to manage their wireless communication services.

Wireless telephone service blanket purchase agreements

Wireless telephone service BPAs are contract vehicles that provide routine services and goods quickly and at the best possible price. Since initial issuances of the BPAs were competitively completed, there is no need to further compete a customer's individual requirements. Customers simply determine the best BPA for their needs and request the service.

In addition to saving time, BPAs were negotiated at extremely competitive prices based on anticipated volume. Thus, customers save money. And, in most cases, the more volume on a BPA, the less the cost of the service provided. In addition to the wireless service, these BPA holders provide comprehensive monthly reports that include details on specific account activity. These reports allow customers to analyze current activity and to make intelligent

choices about future requirements.

The result is lower prices, faster service, and better reporting tools.

The response has been incredible. CONS currently has BPAs with four nationwide carriers for both national and international service.

Why not one? No single wireless carrier is best for everyone. The BPAs were established to allow customers to make informed choices that meet their wireless needs. The 21st CONS wireless BPAs currently serve Peterson Air Force Base, Buckley AFB and Fort Carson. Discussions are underway with Patrick

AFB and MacDill AFB in Florida, the U.S. Air Force Academy, and the Pentagon, as well. As the word gets out and more agencies sign on, the discounts will improve. It's win-win for all involved.

So, how does this tie back in to the world of wireless service and deciphering the language to make an informed business decision? The 21st CONS information technology section established a specialized contracting shop, as well as an informed business advisor. The section is dedicated solely to the purchase of wireless communications and information technologies, and its members are specifically trained to address those requirements. CONS can help you determine what services you need and what provider will best suit your needs at the most competitive prices available.

FWP chapter seeks committee members

By Debra Agnew

Federal Women's Program

The Federal Women's Program needs military and civilian women of any rank or grade to participate as Peterson Complex Federal Women's Program committee members. The Peterson Complex includes Peterson, Schriever, and Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station. The purpose of the FWP is to establish and provide leadership, guidance and assistance for managers and supervisors as they implement nondiscriminatory policies, and support women's employment, development and advancement opportunities.

The FWP fosters management practices and attitudes toward women that are positive, and helps develop affirmative action goals and feasible timetables to help achieve those career objectives. The organization also sponsors events to help women meet personal and professional goals, which benefits the federal government.

The local FWP chapter meets the first Thursday of the month, 3 p.m., at the Peterson Chapel, rooms 4 and 5. Openings are still available on subcommittees that plan and coordinate various women's events.

For more information on Federal Women's Week or the FWP, call FWP manager Karen Fiorillo at 554-6983, assistant manager Jackie Hill at 554-6975, or chapter secretary Sandy Sharketti at 554-6544.

Play Around the World in Ninety Days and win big

By Margie Arnold 21st SVS marketing

Around The World In Ninety Days is a program designed to encourage Peterson Complex members to participate in designated summer activities on base from June 1 through August 31. When you participate, you earn points that equate to travel miles. Those points, or travel miles earned, allow you to move from one location to the next.

By the end of August, you will have traveled around the world in ninety days and arrived back home without having encountered the usual frustrations of flight cancellations and delays, bungled room reservations, currency exchanges and the infamous language barriers.

Participants travelling by ATWIND can pick up a few prizes along the way - such as a Compaq computer, a mini-music system, a television, cash prizes of \$500 or \$750, a vacation trip or a car.

Get ready for takeoff

All you need is a computer or a telephone. After you get your first game piece, access the ATWIND Web site: www.atwind.com and click on the Peterson icon.

On the ATWIND Web page you will also see information on rules, how to play & win, prizes, announcements, sponsors, bases, and more. All you need to know about ATWIND is just a click away.

If you don't have a home computer and you want the visual effects of world travel, you can use the computers at the Peterson library. Remember, however, that you need to reserve computer time one day in advance. Visit the library in person to sign up.

You can also travel ATWIND by using your telephone and dialing toll free1-888-597-9960.

Family members under 18 may enter on with the consent of a parent or guardian. Participants must be18 or older on the date of entry to win prizes. Other restrictions may apply so be sure to read the official rules on the ATWIND Web site.

Travel with ATWIND

You will virtually travel around the world in ninety days by visiting five different destinations: Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., Hickam AFB, Hawaii, Kadena Air Base, Japan, Rhein-Main AB, Germany, and Scott AFB, III. Just register the game pieces you earn each time you participate in an ATWIND sanctioned event.

The miles you travel are recorded on the Web site or by telephone. The more events you participate in, the more miles accumulated, the more destinations achieved, and the better your chances are of winning one of the grand prizes.

Along the way, you may win instant-win prizes and bonus entries in the grand prize competition. Instant prize winners are identified while registering ATWIND game pieces. You must log-in and register game pieces to be eligible for prizes.

ATWIND history

ATWIND was developed by Air Mobility Command three years ago to increase awareness of, and participation

This year Air Force Space Command is teaming up with AMC in this program.

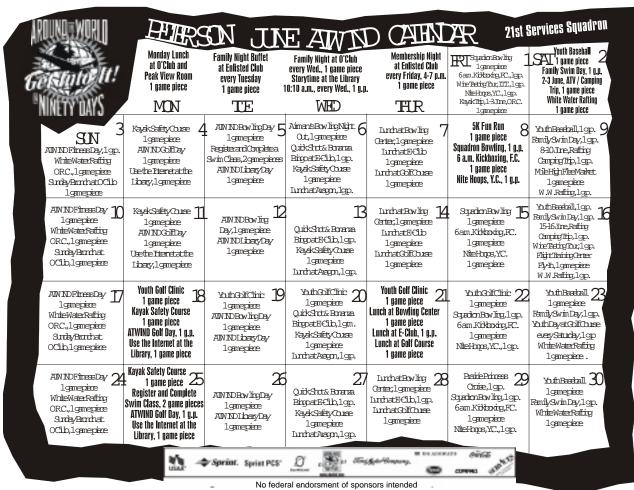
AFSPC's program will feature a base-to-base competition and cash awards for bases achieving the ATWIND mission, which is to get the most participants involved in the program for their command.

Every time you enter a game piece, you "fly" 1,100 miles and gain five more entries in the next Grand Prize drawing. You could also be an instant prize winner too.

Base competitions

As ATWIND participants compete against one another for prizes, the participating AFSPC bases will also compete against one another for cash prizes like \$55,000 for first place, \$25,000 for second place and \$10,000 for third place. The more ATWIND players at Peterson AFB and the more miles they travel, the greater the chance that Pete will walk away with the big bucks.

So participate in ATWIND sanctioned events, travel miles, and have fun. You may even be an instant winner along the way to your final destination.



News

TROA PICNIC SET: The Pikes Peak chapter of the Retired Officers Association will host a spring picnic for all members June 9, noon-5 p.m., at the Turkey Creek recreation area. For more information or to sign up, call Paul McKean at 282-0187 or Mark Milardo at 488-8531.

RED CROSS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNI-TIES: The Red Cross needs volunteers for the Peterson AFB clinic and the Air Force Academy Hospital. Volunteers will be trained, so no experience is necessary. Financial assistance for childcare is available for volunteers with children. For more information, call 556-7590 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

NCO ACADEMY TEMPORARILY MOVES: The Forrest L. Vosler Non-commissioned Officer Academy is temporarily moving to Building 625. The address is 450 West Hamilton Ave. Peterson AFB, CO 80914-1510. The inclusive dates are May 25 - Dec. 17. The NCO Academy's next class starts Tuesday at the new building. If you have any questions, contact the commander's support staff at 556-8143.

ARMED SERVICES YMCA FATHER'S DAY PICNIC: The Armed Services YMCA of the

Pikes Peak Region will hold a Father's Day picnic June 12:30-2:30 The event p.m. will be held at the Fountain/Fort Carson Sports Complex at 900 Jimmy Camp Fountain.



The ASYMCA Father's Day Picnic is free and open to all military fathers and their families. The menu includes hot dogs and hamburgers, and activities include a pool party and outdoor games for the kids. Reservations are required. Call 393-9620, ext. 130, for reservations or for more information.

YARD SALE: A base housing spring yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, 8 a..m.-3 p.m. "Yard Sale Saturdays" are for base residents and for individuals who are authorized access to Peterson AFB. All families in base housing are encouraged to participate. Residents are welcome to display their items for sale on their property, but should make every effort to keep their area neat and respect the rights of neighbors. Do not post or display yard sale notices and do not place personal ads in the local newspapers. With more cars and people in the housing area, be extra vigilant for unsafe conditions.

BASE SIREN TESTS: The 21st Space Wing Operations Center will conduct a monthly base siren test starting June 8. The base siren will be tested the second Friday of each month to ensure the siren is working properly in the event of a natural disaster or contingency situation. Tests will last about a minute. If you have any questions, please contact the WOC at 556-4555 or 556-4660.

Family Support Center 556-6141

Classes are held in the family support center classroom, 135 Dover Street, Bldg. 350, Room 1016, unless otherwise specified. Registration is required for all FSC classes. To register, call the FSC at 556-6141 or stop by the FSC classroom.

JOB ORIENTATION: For an overview of the local iob market and a look at how family support can help with your job search, sign up for this orientation offered Thursday or June 14 and 28, 1-2:30 p.m.

MARKETING YOURSELF FOR A SEC-OND CAREER: This is a free two hour professional lecture for officers and senior NCO's who plan to leave the service in the next five years. The event is

scheduled for June 25, 9-11:30 a.m., at the enlisted club. Spouses are also invited. Learn about competition of finding a job, perceptions civilian employers have of military personnel, a plan for your job search, resume cover letters, broadcast letters, as well as how employers read your resume, networking and penetrating the hidden job market, preparing for and conducting a successful interview, salary negotiations and benefit packages, and rejection.

Military Personnel Flight 556-7377

MSS CLOSED EARLY TODAY: The 21st Mission Support Squadron will close at noon today for an official function. This closure includes the commander's support staff (orderly room), civilian personnel flight, military personnel flight, family support center, education human resource flight, education center and first term airmen's center. Individuals who need ID cards or to enroll in DEERS, these services are offered at the U.S. Air Force Academy (Building 5136), Fort Carson (Building 1118) and Schriever AFR (Building 210)

NEW HOURS OF OPERATION: Walk-in hours for all work centers other than customer service (promotions, evaluations, separations, etc.) are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Only customers with appointments will be served from 8-10 a.m. The customer service counter will remain open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Enlisted Club 556-4194

OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS: Official functions held at Peterson's enlisted or officers' club are eligible for specially designated appropriated funds that are fenced directly for that purpose and do not come from the using unit. These funds pay for the fee charged to set up tear down and clean the room. Base members are encouraged to use the club facilities and the appropriated funds for official functions including pin-on ceremonies, commanders calls, change of command ceremonies, and more. To reserve the club for an official function, call the club's caterer. Requests must be made at least two weeks prior to the event. For details, call 556-4194 (enlisted club) or 574-4103 (officers' club)

MONEY DRAWING:

Who wants to win \$1,000 Visit the enlisted clul Friday nights for a clul membership drawing tha could leave you at least \$1,000 richer. You need to have your current Club in possession and you nee present to win. For deta Garry Shaffer at 556-4194.



Education Center 556-4064

OPEN FORUM DISCUSSIONS:

Civilian Personnel Flight will host open forum discussions for all Peterson Complex civilian employees and supervisors of civilians at the officers' club ballroom June 28, 8-10 a.m., and 2-4 p.m. All Peterson Complex civilian employees and supervisors are encouraged to attend. Seating will be on a first come, first served basis, with a maximum of 200 seats available. The discussion topics will be "Family Friendly Programs" including provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act, Leave Without Pav entitlements, family care/bereavement provisions, absence for child birth or infant care, Voluntary Leave Transfer Program provisions and "on-line" sources for civilian personnel program information. The purpose of the open forum discussion is to provide updates on the various leave program entitlements and provisions, as well as providing a handout containing information source references. For more information, call Bill Bartlow at 556-6557 or Theresa Dickson at 556-9231

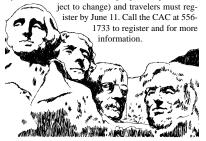
Community Activities Center 556-7671

SKY SOX NIGHT: Free tickets are available to see the Sky Sox baseball team play the Portland Beavers June 7 at 7:05 p.m. Tickets are available at the Community Activities Center. Call 556-7671 for details

WINE TASTING AT CREEKSIDE CEL-

LARS: A trip is planned to taste wine at Creekside Cellars June 16. Those participating in the trip can sample Cabernet Franc, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Lake Haus Vintage Port, Black Muscat Port and others at the Evergreen vintner. There is an italian deli where visitors can eat lunch. To register at the CAC by June 14, call 556-7671.

MOUNT RUSHMORE TRIP: Take a trip to see Mount Rushmore, S.D., and other national historical sites June 21-24. See Mt. Rushmore, Deadwood, Crazy Horse Monument, Custer State Park and Sylvan Lake. The cost is \$275 per person (prices sub-



Youth Center 556-7220

YOUTH BASEBALL: The opening cermony for youth baseball will be June 9, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call Les Stewart at 556-7220.

YOUTH SOCCER: The closing cermony for youth soccer is Saturday at the youth center. Call the vouth center for details.

NIGHT HOOPS: Night basketball for 13-18 year olds begins tonight, and will be held every Friday from 6-9 p.m. at the fitness center on court two. For more information, call the youth center.

Education Center 556-4064

COLORADO CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY:

Tom Boven, academic advisor, Colorado Christian University, is available at the base education office Thursdays, 1:30-4 p.m. He has previous experience with Air Force education programs and can discuss your CCU degree completion program. For more information, call him at 573-6166 for an appointment, or stop by his office Thursday.

EDUCATION FAIR: The base education

office, in cooperation with many of the local area universities and colleges, will present an education fair at Peterson AFB July 13, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., outside the BX. Information on a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate academic programs will be provided.



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN COLORADO: USC is accepting registrations for summer classes. Additionally, two weekend classes (principles of management and creating and leading organizations) will be offered June 15. Call 574-3312 for more information or stop by the office at the education center.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Alex R. Lloyd

A STEP up

Mater Sgt. Devin C. Glenn, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, receives a surprise promotion under the Stripes for Excellent Performers program Wednesday morning. Gen. Ed Eberhart, AFSPC commander, Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Estrem, AFSPC command chief master sergeant, and Brig. Gen. Dale Meyerrose, HQ AFSPC director of communications and information, presented Glenn with his promotion.

Star Performer



Name and rank: A1C Edwin Baldomero Jr. Unit: 21st Contracting Squadron Title: Contract Specialist Hometown: New York City, New York Time in service: One year, six months

Airman 1st Class Edwin Baldomero is from the contracting career-field. In the 13 months he has been a contract specialist, he has awarded over \$500 thousand in small purchases and is currently administering two formal contracts in support of Peterson Air Force Base and Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station. He is the lowest ranking person in the infrastructure flight's history to be assigned formal contract responsibilities. He oversees the contract portion of the \$242 thousand elevator maintenance services at Peterson and Cheyenne Mountain complexes, and also oversees the \$85 thousand washer and dryer maintenance contract at Peterson.

He administered the high-profile base grounds maintenance contract, awarding the orders two weeks before the scheduled deadline. Baldomero's small purchases have included improvements to the officers' club, furniture for the Peterson dormitories, and others. He assisted military and civilian coworkers to become familiar with their contracting duties, and volunteered to train new members on simplified acquisition procedures. Baldomero's efforts have earned him both squadron and group airman of the quarter honors.

Confidence in his organizational abilities led to his election as the Contracting Squadron Booster Club vice president, to which he has devoted hours of personal time coordinating and overseeing fund rising activities. He is also the squadron self-aid/buddy care trainer, responsible for training new military squadron members. In his free time, he plays chess and basketball, and spends time with Allison, his wife of less than a month.

Congratulations

Tech. Sgt. Ellie Lightner, 3rd Space Surveillance Squadron, Misawa Air

Base, Japan, was named Personnelist of the Quarter in her category for first quarter 2001.



The expeditionary story is everyone's responsibility

By Lt. Col. Bryan A. Holt
Aerospace Expeditionary Force Cente

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. --What is the Air Force's Expeditionary Aerospace Force concept all about? Depending on where you are in the Air Force, this may be a very easy or a very difficult question to answer.

But no matter where you are, knowing the EAF story is everyone's responsibility. Ask yourself a few simple questions: How is my basic AEF knowledge? Can I explain the EAF/AEF? If you can not answer these questions, just remember that the EAF is the new way the Air Force does business, and don't forget "10-3-15."

As stated in the Air Force vision, the EAF consists of 10 Aerospace Expeditionary Forces, each capable of the full spectrum of aerospace operations, and eligible to deploy once for three months in the 15 month AEF cycle. Included are 10 combat AEF lead wings, five lead mobility wings, and two permanently oncall aerospace expeditionary wings at Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., and Mountain Home AFB, Idaho.

As part of the EAF concept, the Air Force is capable of providing rapidly responsive, tailored-to-need aerospace force capability, prepared and ready to conduct military operations across the full spectrum of conflict.

Yet, from time to time, we hear stories of Air Force people who cannot explain the EAF concept and how it relates to them. Too, there are those who think if they can just hold out, the EAF may go the way of management-byobjective or Quality Air Force. But you can not just make EAF go away.

Since the end of the Cold War, with onethird fewer people and two-thirds less overseas basing, the Air Force has deployed four times more frequently.

The increased operational tempo has affected readiness, retention, recruitment and modernization. To put it simply, the Air Force just could not continue to do business as usual.

So the EAF is the Air Force's solution. It is our vision for the 21st century, the recipe for how we'll organize, train, and equip to deploy forces for contingency operations. EAF also helps create a mindset and culture that embraces the unique characteristics of aerospace power: range, speed, flexibility and precision.

We have made tremendous strides in establishing the EAF and great improvements in each AEF cycle, such as the development of "EAF Online" and the AEF Commanders' Playbook to help those deploying.

Test your AEF knowledge. Do you know which AEF you are in? Did you get enough notification last time you deployed? Do you know about the AEF Web-based tools?

I challenge you to learn more about the EAF/AEF and how your new 21st-century Air Force does business. Whether you are homestationed or at a deployed location, knowing the Air Force expeditionary story is everyone's responsibility.

Serving with honor

By Senior Airman Paul Lockwood

21st Contracting Squadron

Many of us have seen military funerals portrayed in movies. Most have not seen a ceremony up close and personal. The people who perform these ceremonies take pride in honoring men and women who gave their lives in defense of our country.

I joined the High Frontier Honor Guard about a year ago. When I volunteered for this I thought it would be a good bullet for my performance reports. Little did I know that my experiences as a member of this elite group would not just change my career path, but also my life.

The professionalism and pride these airmen and NCOs show is inspiring. Each one of us feels it is a duty and honor to pay respect to the men and women who served the armed forces so selflessly. We are all proud to give our time and effort to pay tribute to the veterans, retirees and active duty personnel.

Before joining the honor guard I was on my way out of the Air Force. I have since reenlisted for six years. I contribute my change in career paths to my experiences as a member of this team. The appreciative looks from the families and the knowledge that we are fulfilling a last wish for someone who dedicated his or her life to preserving our freedom touches each one of us.

Though not all our duties are on such sad occasions. Being able to post colors or perform a 12-step flag-folding ceremony for someone's retirement is an immense honor. I cannot count how many times someone has come to me, or another member of my team, just to tell us how professionally we conducted ourselves. The dignity and excellence our team members strive for is unmatched and commendable.

I encourage every airman to spend some time as a member of a base honor guard team.

21Net offers software classes

21Net offers new courses to support computer training for all base network users. A team of professional instructors teach beginning to advanced courses in Word,

Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Outlook FrontPage, Project and Remedy POC training. Classes are offered monthly in the Hartinger Building (Headquarters AFSPC Building 1).

To register for course outlines go to PeteCentral, select "training" and then "21Net classes." For more information e-mail Training@Peterson.af.mil or call the 21Net Help Desk at 556-4145.

Class list Word 97 Level 1

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Air Force recruits at racing event

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE

BASE, Texas —Air Force Recruiting Service came out in full support for the running of the Coca Cola 600 NASCAR Winston Cup race outside Charlotte, N.C., May 27.

The service's activity for the race, which featured a car with a special Air Force paint scheme, actually started earlier in the week with a parade in Charlotte. Recruiting people were also present at the opening of the movie "Pearl Harbor" on May 25 at a local movie theater, said Staff Sgt. Tony Fullilove, a recruiter in Rock Hill, S.C.

"We had Ricky Recruiter and our ROVer in the parade on Speed Street in Charlotte," he said. "We've been meeting a lot of people, and quite a few teenagers."

The ROVer is a Recruiting Outreach Vehicle - a specially equipped van that serves as a mobile recruiting office and features a bold Air Force paint scheme and large multimedia video screen and sound system to show visitors a "tour of duty" presentation highlighting the job skills and advanced technology offered by the Air Force.

Besides the 10-foot inflatable Ricky and the ROVer at the movie opening in Huntersville, N.C., the Air Force Special Tactics And Rescue Specialists team performed a jump, and Tactical Air Control Party members displayed a Hummvee and other equipment.

"We're here for recruiting in general, but it also helps expose the special tactics career fields," said Tech. Sgt. Lance Maguire, of the 14th Air



Photos by Larry McTighe

Gen. John Jumper, commander of Air Combat Command, performs an induction ceremony of new Air Force people at Lowes Motor Speedway in Concord N.C.

Support Operations Squadron, Pope Air Force Base, S.C. "A lot of people want to jump or do some of the other special tactics jobs, but have no idea we do that in the Air Force."

A large crowd gathered for the STARS jump, including Jeanie Frye, a resident of Cornelius, N.C.

"We came to see a movie and saw all the Air Force equipment outside," she said. "When we heard there would be a jump, we decided to stay

outside and watch ... we could see a movie any time"

Recruiting service people moved their show to Lowe's Motor Speedway for both a Busch Series race May 26 and the Winston Cup race May 27. Prior to the race May 26, Gen. John P. Jumper, commander of Air Combat Command, performed a swearing in of people entering the Air Force through the Delayed Entry Program.

"I like NASCAR and I think it is neat that I was sworn in by a four-star general," said Meghan Van Buskirk, a resident of Winston Salem, N.C., who has been in the DEP for about three months. "I'm really looking forward to going into the Air Force."

Van Buskirk travels to basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas, June 20.

Recruiters prepared for this NASCAR event for months, said Senior Master Sgt. Michael Alvin, 337th Recruiting Squadron first ser-

"This is one of the biggest projects of the year," Alvin said. "We have people from throughout the squadron out here because the races draw a lot of people from all over. It's going quite well."

"It was a resounding success," said Col. Darrel Greer, Air Force Recruiting Service vice commander. "Our recruiters had a great presence at the race and we met a lot of potential recruits from the 25,000 to 30,000 folks visiting the Air Force display on Saturday and Sunday."

Air Force Chief of Staff General Michael E. Ryan was also recruiting, according to Greer.

"During his visit to the booth he filled out a recruiter lead card on a potential applicant," Greer said.

The Air Force advertises on the No. 21 car driven by Elliot Sadler. Sadler finished 19th in the race May 27. (Courtesy of Air Force Print News)



Elliott Sadler, driving the No. 21 car, battles Steve Park during the early stages of the Coca-Cola 600 at Lowes Motor Speedway. The Air Force advertises on the No. 21 car. Sadler went on to finish 19th.

21st CONS beats 76th SPCS in intramural wallyball

By Senior Airman Shane Sharp

21st SW Public Affairs

The 21st Contracting Squadron came from behind to beat the 76th Space Control Squadron in intramural wallyball action Tuesday afternoon at the fitness center.

In the first game of the best-of-three-games contest, the 76th SPCS came out strong and won 21-14.

The loss meant some

adjustments for the 21st CONS.

"We had to play more aggressive," said Robert Woodruff, 21st CONS coach. "We also had to step it up on defense and shut down their tall guy."

The changes in gameplan proved to be successful.

The 21st CONS went on to win the remaining two games, 21-10 and 21-8.

The win gives the 21st CONS a record of 3-0.



Photo by Senior Airman Shane Sharp

A member of the 21st CONS taps the ball over the net during intramural wallyball action Tuesday at the fitness center. The 21st CONS won two out of three games against the 76th SPCS.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Mike Andrews

Strike!

A member of the 21st Security Forces Squadron swings and misses during an intramural softball game against the 21st Space Wing Sabers May 23. The Sabers, members of wing staff, won the game 15-3.

Sports

German mens volleyball team

The German mens volleyball team will be at the fitness center Monday through June 8. For more information, contact Les Stewart at 556-7220.

Tennis tournament

There is a singles and doubles tennis tournament scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the fitness center. Cost is \$5 per person. Call Christopher Hicks at 556-1515 for details.

Wallyball tournament

There will be a wallyball tournament Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the fitness center. Teams must sign up by today. The entry fee is \$10 per team. Call Christopher Hicks at 556-1515 for mor information.

5K fun run

A 5K fun run is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$1 per person. Call Christopher Hicks at 556-1515 for more information.

Marine Corps birthday ball golf tournament

The first-ever Marine Corps Birthday Ball fund-raiser golf tournament is scheduled

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for June 8 at the Appletree Golf Course, (719) 382-3649. Registration for the tournament will be 6:30-7:30 a.m. that day with the tournament starting at 8 a.m. Free range-balls are available from 6:30-7:45 a.m. Up to 36 teams may participate and the top three teams will win prizes. Individual contests include closest to the pin, longest drive and straightest drive. Cost for the tournament is \$50 per person which includes green fees, cart, lunch and drinks. Cost is \$40 per person without lunch. Mulligans at \$1 each. (Putting string costs \$2 per foot or \$5 per yard with a limit of 2 yards per team and must be purchased prior to 8 a.m. start). All proceeds will support the Marine Corps Birthday Ball. For more information, call Sgt Miguel Villarreal at (719) 554-3774.

Weekend Bash softball tournament

The 13th Annual "Weekend Bash" Softball Tournament will be June 23-24 in Tucson, Ariz. The top four teams will receive awards. The tournament champions will have their choice of new gloves or bats. For more information, contact Greg Manning at (520) 228-5478, DSN 228-5478.

Outdoor recreation adventure

RAFTING AND CAMPING WEEKEND,
June 8-10. Spend a weekend on the waters
of the upper Arkansas River.

Cost is \$125 for adults and \$100 for youths 16-18.
Participants must be at least 16 years of age. Call 556-4867.

ATV AND CAMPING, June 22-24. Venture into the rugged back-country without wearing yourself out. Explore with an ATV for an entire weekend.

Cost is \$150 per person. Call 556-4867.



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